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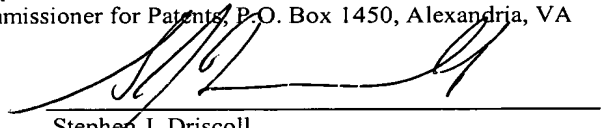
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 21, 2003

Dear Sir:

This reply is being filed timely in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants also hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time for response through February 23, 2004, a Monday. A check is enclosed to cover this fee. If any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Argument** begins on page 10 of this paper.

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